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Case No. **US010345**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

DEMETRI GIANNOPOULOS

Serial No.: 09/916,955

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DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2002**

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows: